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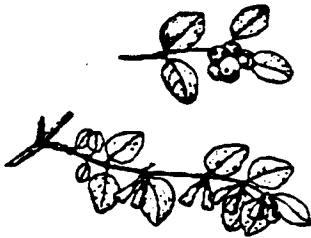
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"OKANOGAN SELECTION" COMMON SNOWBERRY



Scientific Name: *Symphoricarpos albus* (L.) Blake
Plant Symbol: SYAL
Accession Numbers: T20475, 9020475
Selected By: Pullman Plant Materials Center (PMC), NRCS
Release Date: 1997

Major Land Resource Areas (MLRAs, NRCS): B8, B9, B10, E43

Ecoregions (USEPA 1986): Columbia Basin - 10, Blue Mountains - 11, northeastern part of Cascades - 4, and northwestern part of Northern Rockies - 15.

"Okanogan selection" was originally collected from native plants near Tonasket, Okanogan County, Washington. It is a deciduous shrub up to 4.5 feet in height and 4 feet in width. Plants are upright and stems tend to be stiff rather than lax and drooping. New shoots are produced from rhizomes in the year following planting under favorable conditions. The flowers are bell-shaped and pinkish-white, the fruit is a white drupe.

This selection is a single clone chosen from 40 original plants assembled and evaluated at the Pullman PMC. It exhibits a very dense canopy and stem abundance, higher than the other plants evaluated.

Common snowberry requires at least 16 inches of annual precipitation. It occurs from sea level to 8000 feet in elevation on deep loamy soils but also grows in moderately shallow, sandy, and gravelly soils.

Common snowberry has a widespread native range from the Alaska panhandle to Quebec, south to California, central Idaho, Nebraska and Virginia. It occurs in thickets, woodlands and open slopes from lowlands to mid-montane areas, but not in extreme shade.

The preferred method of propagation is by leafy softwood cuttings, although hardwood cuttings and rhizomes divisions will provide fair numbers of plants. The Okanogan selection has not been propagated by seed.

Potential uses are for wildlife habitat planting, erosion control along roadways and hillsides, and for plant diversity in natural landscapes.

It is low-growing and rhizomatous, making it an excellent native shrub for site stabilization and diversity when used as an understory plant with other shrubs and trees.

"Okanogan selection" common snowberry is available to plant researchers, nurseries, and growers in limited quantities from the Pullman Plant Materials Center.

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